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ABSTRACT

Essencial viewing for parents considering a Montessori education for their child, this videotape shows a day in the life of a Montessori school and explains the fundamental principles which underpin the Montessori approach to early childhood education. The first part of the videotape narrates a brief biography of Maria Montessori and the development of her teaching method while showing various Montessori schools or "Children's Houses" around the world at different time periods. This part notes Montessori's belief that universal principles govern children's development and that children flourish in an environment that meets their needs. How Montessori principles and materials are consistent with the belief that children learn through their own experiences is also highlighted. The remainder of the video explores a current Montessori classroom, describing the environment, the role of the directress, and the children's autonomy. The video shows how activities foster cooperation rather than competition, lead children from the concrete to the abstract, and provide foundations for math, art, and science. Children's sense of responsibility, independence, and care for their environment are highlighted. (HTH)

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